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9	BEFORE THE		
10	BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS		
11	STATE OF CAL	IFORNIA	
12	In the Matter of the Statement of Issues Against:	Case No. 1608-254	
13	DAVID KENNETH BAKER 2809 Buhack Road, Space 57	STATEMENT OF ISSUES	
14	Atwater, California 95301	STATEMENT OF ISSUES	
15	Applicant/Respondent.		
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17	Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. ("Con	nplainant") alleges:	
18	PARTIF	<u>es</u>	
19	1. Complainant brings this State	ment of Issues solely in her official capacity	
20	as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer		
21	Affairs.	•	
.22	Application History		
23	2. On or about December 13, 20	06, the Board received an Application for	
24	Licensure by Examination from David Kenneth Baker ("Respondent"). On or about		
25	October 27, 2006, David Kenneth Baker certified un	der penalty of perjury to the truthfulness of	
26	all statements, answers, and representations in the ap	oplication. The Board denied the application	
27	on November 15, 2007.		
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6	(a) A board may deny a license regulated by this code on the grounds that the applicant has one of the following:	
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8	(3) Done any act which if done by a licentiate of the business or profession in question, would be grounds for suspension or revocation of license.	
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10	5. Section 2761 of the Code states:	
11	The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:	
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13	(a) Unprofessional conduct,	
13	(4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or	
14	any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or	
15	certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional	
	licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be	
16	conclusive evidence of that action.	
17	CAUSE FOR DENIAL OF APPLICATION	
18	(Discipline of Health Care Professional License)	
19	6. Respondent's application is subject to denial under Code sections 2736,	
20	480, subdivision (a)(3), and 2761, subdivision (a)(4), in that in the case entitled, In the Matter of	
21	the Accusation Against: David Kenneth Baker, Vocational Nurse Liciense No. VN 1881257,	
22	Respondent was disciplined by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians,	
23	Department of Consumer Affairs, State of California. Pursuant to the Stipulated Settlement and	
24	Disciplinary Order, Case No. 6938, attached hereto as Exhibit A, effective August 17, 2007,	
25	Respondent's license was placed on probation for one year with terms and conditions of	
26	probation. The circumstances of the disciplinary action are that between June 11, 2002, and	
27	June 13, 2002, while on duty as a licensed vocational nurse at La Sierra Care Center in Merced,	
28	California, Respondent falsified or made grossly incorrect, inconsistent, or unintelligible entries	
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STATUTORY PROVISIONS

pertinent part, that the Board may deny a license when it finds that the applicant has committed

any acts constituting grounds for denial of licensure under section 480 of that Code.

Code section 480 states, in pertinent part:

Section 2736 of the Business and Professions Code (Code) provides, in

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in the patient and/or hospital records as set forth in Accusation No. 6938, dated September 15, 2006, attached hereto as Exhibit B. **PRAYER** WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision: 1. Denying the application of David Kenneth Baker for a registered nurse license; and, 2. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. DATED: **Executive Officer** Board of Registered Nursing Department of Consumer Affairs State of California Complainant

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EXHIBIT A

Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order, Case No. 6938

1 BEFORE THE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING 2 AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS 3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA 4 5 In the Matter of the Accusation Case No. 6938 Against: 6 DAVID KENNETH BAKER OAH No. 2006100629 7 9 Vocational Nurse License No. VN 188257 10 11 Respondent. 12 13 **DECISION** 14 The attached Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order is hereby adopted by the 15 Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians as the Final Decision in the above 16 17 entitled matter. 18 19 This Decision shall become effective on August 15, 2007. 20 21 IT IS SO ORDERED this 16^{TH} day of July, 2007. 22 23 24 25 26 President 27

1 2 3 4 5 6	EDMUND G. BROWN, JR., Attorney General of the State of California ARTHUR D. TAGGART Supervising Deputy Attorney General JESSICA M. AMGWERD, State Bar No. 155757 Deputy Attorney General California Department of Justice 1300 I Street, Suite 125 P.O. Box 944255 Sacramento, CA 94244-2550 Telephone: (916) 445-7376 Facsimile: (916) 327-8643 E-mail: jessica.amgwerd@doj.ca.gov	
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13	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 6938 .
14	DAVID KENNETH BAKER	OAH No. 2006100629
15	DAVID REMIETH BAKER	CONTRACTOR
16 17	Vocational Nurse License No. VN 188257	STIPULATED SETTLEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY ORDER
18	Respondent.	
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22	IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the parties to the above-referenced proceedings that the following matters are true:	
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24	PARTIES 1. Complainant Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. is the Executive	
25	Officer, Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric	
26	Affairs (Board). She brought this action solely in her	
27	matter by Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Attorney General o	
28	Attorney General Jessica M. Amgwerd.	
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- 2. David Kenneth Baker (Respondent) is represented by Phil Avila, of the Law Offices of Philip B. Avila, located at 920 Fifteenth Street, Modesto, CA 95354.
- 3. On May 14, 1999, the Board issued vocational nurse license no. VN 188257 to David Kenneth Baker. The license was in full force and effect at all times relevant to the charges brought herein and will expire on June 30, 2007.

JURISDICTION

4. On September 15, 2006, Accusation No. 6938, was filed before the Board, and is currently pending against Respondent. The Accusation, together with all other statutorily required documents, was duly served on the Respondent on September 15, 2006, and Respondent filed a Notice of Defense contesting the Accusation. A copy of the Accusation is attached hereto as Exhibit A and is incorporated by reference.

ADVISEMENT AND WAIVERS

- 5. Respondent has carefully read and understands the nature of the charges alleged in the Accusation. Respondent also has carefully read, and understands the effects of this Stipulation.
- 6. Respondent is fully aware of his legal rights in this matter, including the right to a hearing on the charges and allegations in the Accusation, the right to be represented by counsel, at his own expense, the right to confront and cross-examine the witnesses against him, the right to present evidence and to testify on his own behalf and to the issuance of subpoenas to compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents, the right to reconsideration and court review of an adverse decision, and all other rights accorded by the California Administrative Procedure Act and other applicable laws.
- 7. Respondent voluntarily, knowingly and intelligently waives and gives up each and every right set forth above.

CULPABILITY

8. Respondent admits he is subject to discipline for unprofessional conduct under Business and Professions Code section 2878(a), in that while on duty as a licensed vocational nurse at La Sierra Care Center in Merced, California between June 11, 2002, and

June 13, 2002, Respondent violated section 2878.5(e). Respondent agrees that cause exists for discipline of his license No. VN 188257.

9. Respondent agrees that his license is subject to discipline and he agrees to be bound by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician's imposition of discipline as set forth in the Disciplinary Order below.

RESERVATION

10. The admissions made by Respondent herein are only for the purposes of this proceeding, or any other proceedings in which the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians or other professional licensing agency is involved, and shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil proceeding.

CONTINGENCY

- Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. Respondent understands and agrees that counsel for Complainant and the staff of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians may communicate directly with the Board regarding this stipulation and settlement, without notice to or participation by Respondent. By signing the stipulation, Respondent understands and agrees that she may not withdraw her agreement or seek to rescind the stipulation prior to the time the Board considers and acts upon it. If the Board fails to adopt this stipulation as its Decision and Order, the Stipulated Surrender and Disciplinary Order shall be of no force or effect, except for this paragraph, it shall be inadmissible in any legal action between the parties, and the Board shall not be disqualified from further action by having considered this matter.
- 12. The parties agree that facsimile copies to this Stipulation, including facsimile signatures thereto, shall have the same force and effect as original Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order and signatures.
- 13. In consideration of the foregoing admissions and stipulations, the parties agree that the Board may, without further notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following Order:

ORDER

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that vocational nurse license No. VN 188257, issued to Respondent David Kenneth Baker, is hereby revoked. The revocation, however, is stayed, and Respondent is placed on probation for one year under the following terms and conditions:

Obey All Laws. Respondent shall obey all federal, state and local laws, including all statutes and regulations governing the license. Respondent shall submit, in writing, a full and detailed account of any and all violations of the law to the Board within five (5) days of occurrence. To ensure compliance with this term, respondent shall submit two (2) completed fingerprint cards and the applicable fingerprint processing fees to the Board within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the decision, unless the Board determines that fingerprint cards were already submitted by the Respondent as part of his licensure application process effective July 1, 1996. Respondent shall also submit a recent 2" x 2" photograph of himself/herself within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the decision.

2. Compliance With Probation Program And Quarterly Report
Requirements. Respondent shall fully comply with terms and conditions
of the probation established by the Board and shall cooperate with the representatives of the
Board in its monitoring and investigation of the Respondent's compliance with the Probation
Program.

Respondent shall submit quarterly reports, under penalty of perjury, in a form required by the Board. The reports shall certify and document compliance with all the conditions of probation.

- 3. Notification of Address And Telephone Number Change(s).
 Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days of a change of residence or mailing address, of his new address and any change in his work and/or home telephone numbers.
- 4. Notification of Residency or Practice Outside of State. Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days, if he leaves California to reside or practice in another state. Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days, upon his

return to California. The period of probation shall not run during the time Respondent is residing or practicing outside California.

5. Notification to Employer(s). When currently employed or applying for employment in any capacity in any health care profession, Respondent shall notify his employer of the probationary status of Respondent's license. This notification to the Respondent's current health care employer shall occur no later than the effective date of the Decision. The respondent shall notify any prospective health care employer of his probationary status with the Board prior to accepting such employment. This notification shall be by providing the employer or prospective employer with a copy of the Board's Accusation and Disciplinary Decision.

The Health Care Profession includes, but is not limited to: Licensed Vocational Nurse, Psychiatric Technician, Registered Nurse, Medical Assistant, Paramedic, Emergency Medical Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant, Home Health Aide, and all other ancillary technical health care positions.

Respondent shall cause each health care employer to submit quarterly reports to the Board. The reports shall be on a form provided by the Board, shall include a performance evaluation and such other information as may be required by the Board.

Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, within five (5) days of any change in employment status. Respondent shall notify the Board, in writing, if he is terminated from any nursing or health care related employment with a full explanation of the circumstances surrounding the termination.

- 6. Interviews/meetings With Board Representative(s). Respondent, during the period of probation, shall appear in person at interviews/meetings as directed by the Board, or its designated representatives.
- 7. Employment Requirements And Limitations. During probation, the Respondent shall work in his licensed capacity in the State of California. This practice shall consist of no less than six (6) continuous months and of no less than twenty (20) hours per week.

While on probation, Respondent shall not work for a nurses' registry or in any private duty position, a temporary nurse placement agency, as a faculty member in an accredited

or approved school of nursing, or as an instructor in a Board approved continuing education course except as approved, in writing, by the Board. Respondent shall work only on a regularly assigned, identified and predetermined work site(s) and shall not work in a float capacity except as approved, in writing, by the Board.

8. Supervision Requirements. Respondent shall obtain prior approval from the Board, before commencing any employment, regarding the level of supervision provided to the respondent while employed as a licensed vocational nurse or psychiatric technician.

Respondent is presently employed at California Psychiatric Transition (CPT) as a Charge Nurse. During probation, Respondent may continue working as a Charge Nurse for CPT. However, should Respondent change employment during probation, Respondent shall not function as a charge nurse (i.e., work in any healthcare setting as the person who oversees or directs licensed vocational nurses, psychiatric technicians, certified nursing assistants or unlicensed assistive personnel) or supervising psychiatric technician during the period of probation except as approved, in writing, by the Board.

9. Completion of Educational Course(s). Respondent, at his own expense, shall enroll and successfully complete a course(s) substantially related to the violation(s) no later than the end of the first year of probation; or the Respondent shall be suspended from practice, until he or she has enrolled in and has successfully completed the specified coursework.

The coursework shall be in addition to that required for license renewal. The Board shall notify the Respondent of the course content and number of contact hours required. Within thirty (30) days of the Board's written notification of assigned coursework, Respondent shall submit a written plan to comply with this requirement. The Board shall approve such plan prior to enrollment in any course of study.

Upon successful completion of the course, Respondent shall cause the instructor to furnish proof to the Board within thirty (30) days of course completion.

10. Maintenance of Valid License. Respondent shall, at all times while on probation, maintain an active current license with the Board, including any period during which suspension or probation is tolled.

Should respondent's license, by operation of law or otherwise, expire, upon renewal or reinstatement respondent's license shall be subject to any and all terms of this probation not previously satisfied.

11. Cost Recovery Respondent shall pay to the Res

11. Cost Recovery. Respondent shall pay to the Board costs associated with its investigation and enforcement pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3 in the amount of Three Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$350). Respondent shall pay these costs within ninety (90) days of the effective date of this decision. Failure to pay these costs shall be considered a violation of probation.

Except as provided above, the Board shall not renew or reinstate the license of any Respondent who has failed to pay all the costs as directed in a Decision.

12. Violation of Probation. If the Respondent violates the conditions of his probation, the Board after giving the Respondent notice and an opportunity to be heard, may set aside the stay order and impose the stayed discipline (revocation/suspension) of the Respondent's license. If during the period of probation, an accusation or petition to revoke has been filed against the Respondent's license or the Attorney General's Office has been requested to prepare an accusation or petition to revoke probation against the Respondent's license, the probationary period shall automatically be extended and shall not expire until the accusation or petition has been acted upon by the Board. Upon successful completion of probation, the Respondent's license will be fully restored.

ACCEPTANCE

I, David Kenneth Baker, have carefully read the above Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order. I understand the stipulation and the effect it will have on my Vocational Nurse License. I enter into this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary Order voluntarily, knowingly, and intelligently, and agree to be bound by the Decision and Order of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician.

	I further agree that a facsimile copy of this Stipulated Settlement and Disciplinary	
	Order including facsimile copies of signatures, may be used with the same force and effect as the	
	originals.	
	4 Dated: <u>5, 17, 07</u>	
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	DAVID KENNETH BAKER License No. VN 188257	
	7 Respondent	
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	Dated: 5-17-07 LAW OFFICES OF PHILLIP AVILA	
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12	Phillip Avila Attorneys for Respondents	
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15	ENDORSEMENT	
16	The foregoing Stipulation is hereby respectfully submitted for consideration by	
17	the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technician.	
18	DATED: 5-18, 2007	
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20	EDMUND G. BROWN, JR., Attorney General of the State of California	
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22	By: JESSING M. Amprey	
23	JESSICA M. AMGWERD Deputy Attorney General	
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Exhibit A Accusation No. 6938

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Accusation Against:

Case No. 6938

DAVID KENNETH BAKER

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Vocational Nurse License No. VN 188257

Respondent.

ACCUSATION

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Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. ("Complainant") alleges:

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PARTIES

Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians.

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License History

24 2. On or about May 14, 1999, the Board of Vocational Nursing and

Psychiatric Technicians issued Vocational Nurse License Number VN 188257 ("license") to 25 26

DAVID KENNETH BAKER ("Respondent"). The license will expire on June 30, 2007, unless

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STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 3. Section 2875 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") states, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline the holder of a vocational nurse license for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with Code section 2875) of the Vocational Nursing Practice Act.
- 4. Code section 118, subdivision (b), states, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the period within which the license may be renewed, restored, reissued or reinstated. Under section 2892.1 of the Code, the Board may renew an expired license at any time within four years after the expiration.
 - 5. Code section 2878 states, in pertinent part:

The Board may suspend or revoke a license issued under this chapter [the Vocational Nursing Practice Act (Code section 2840 et seq.)] for any of the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to,
- (j) The commission of any act involving dishonesty, when that action is related to the duties and functions of the licensee.
 - 6. Code section 2878.5 states, in pertinent part:

In addition to other acts constituting unprofessional conduct within the meaning of this chapter [the Vocational Nursing Practice Act] it is unprofessional conduct for a person licensed under this chapter to do any of the following:

- (e) Falsify, or make grossly incorrect, grossly inconsistent, or unintelligible entries in any hospital, patient, or other record pertaining to narcotics or dangerous drugs as specified in subdivision (b).
 - 7. Code section 4022 states, in pertinent part, as follows:

"Dangerous drug" or "dangerous device" means any drug or device unsafe for self-use in humans or animals, and includes the following:

- (c) Any other drug or device that by federal or state law can be lawfully dispensed only on prescription or furnished pursuant to Section 4006.
- 8. Code section 125.3 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a

violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

9. DRUGS:

"DILANTIN," a brand name for Phenytoin, is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022, in that it requires a prescription under federal law.

"COUMADIN," a brand name for Warfarin, is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022, in that it requires a prescription under federal law.

"THEODUR," a brand name for Theophylline, is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022, in that it requires a prescription under federal law.

"LASIX," a brand name for Forosemide, is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022, in that it requires a prescription under federal law.

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"DEPAKOTE," a brand name for Divalproex sodium, is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022, in that it requires a prescription under federal law.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Falsify Patient and/or Hospital Records)

10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2878, subdivision (a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by Code section 2878.5, subdivision (e), in that between June 11, 2002, and June 13, 2002, while on duty as a licensed vocational nurse at La Sierra Care Center in Merced, California, Respondent falsified or made grossly incorrect, inconsistent, or unintelligible entries in the patient and/or hospital records in the following respects:

Patient L.B., Medical Record Number 3080A

a. On June 13, 2002, at 1700 hours, Respondent charted the administration of two tablets of Dilantin, 2 mgs. of Coumadin, and 200 mgs. of Theodur in the Medication

	Administration Record for this patient; however, Respondent failed to administer the	
	medications to this patient pursuant to the physician's orders.	
	Patient L.G., Medical Record Number 2078	
	b. On June 13, 2002, at 2000 hours, Respondent charted the administration of	n f
	5 20 mgs. of Lasix in the Medication Administration Record for this patient; however, Responden	t
	failed to administer the medication to this patient pursuant to the physician's orders.	
	Patient M.V., Medical Record Number 3104	
	c. On June 13, 2002, at 2000 hours, Respondent charted the administration	
,	of two tablets of Klor Con in the Medication Administration Record for this patient; however,	
10	Respondent failed to administer the medication to this patient pursuant to the physician's orders.	
1 1	Patient I.T., Medical Record Number 1945	
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14	rand to administer the medication to this patient pursuant to the physician's orders.	
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16	on Julie 11, 12, and 13, 2002, at 1700 hours each day, Respondent charted	
17	the administration of Lipitor and Depakote in the Medication Administration Record for this	
. 18	patient; however, Respondent failed to administer the medications to this patient pursuant to the	
19	physician's orders.	
20	SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION	
21	(Dishonesty)	
22	11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2878,	
23	subdivision (j), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent committed acts of	
24	dishonesty which are substantially related to the duties and functions of a licensed vocational	
25	nurse by falsely representing in various patients' Medication Administration Records that he	
26	administered medications. In fact, Respondent had not administered those medications.	
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PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Vocational Nurse License Number VN 188257 issued to DAVID KENNETH BAKER;
- 2. Ordering DAVID KENNETH BAKER to pay the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Code section 125.3; and,
 - Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: September 15, 2006

TERESA BELLO-JONES, J.D., M.S.N., R.N.

Executive Officer

Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians

State of California Complainant

EXHIBIT B

Accusation No. 6938, dated September 15, 2006

SEP 1 5 2006 1 BILL LOCKYER, Attorney General of the State of California **Board of Vocational Nursing** 2 JESSICA M. AMGWERD, State Bar No. 155757 and Psychiatric Technicians Deputy Attorney General 3 California Department of Justice 1300 I Street, Suite 125 4 P.O. Box 944255 Sacramento, CA 94244-2550 5 Telephone: (916) 445-7376 Facsimile: (916) 327-8643 6 Attorneys for Complainant 7 8 9 BEFORE THE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL NURSING AND PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS 10 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS STATE OF CALIFORNIA 11 12 In the Matter of the Accusation Against: 13 Case No. 6938 14 DAVID KENNETH BAKER 15 ACCUSATION Vocational Nurse License No. VN 188257 16 17 Respondent. 18 19 Teresa Bello-Jones, J.D., M.S.N., R.N. ("Complainant") alleges: **PARTIES** Complainant brings this Accusation solely in her official capacity as the 1. Executive Officer of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. License History 2. On or about May 14, 1999, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians issued Vocational Nurse License Number VN 188257 ("license") to DAVID KENNETH BAKER ("Respondent"). The license will expire on June 30, 2007, unless

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"DEPAKOTE," a brand name for Divalproex sodium, is a dangerous drug within the meaning of Code section 4022, in that it requires a prescription under federal law.

FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Falsify Patient and/or Hospital Records)

10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2878, subdivision (a), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, as defined by Code section 2878.5, subdivision (e), in that between June 11, 2002, and June 13, 2002, while on duty as a licensed vocational nurse at La Sierra Care Center in Merced, California, Respondent falsified or made grossly incorrect, inconsistent, or unintelligible entries in the patient and/or hospital records in the following respects:

Patient L.B., Medical Record Number 3080A

a. On June 13, 2002, at 1700 hours, Respondent charted the administration of two tablets of Dilantin, 2 mgs. of Coumadin, and 200 mgs. of Theodur in the Medication

	Administration Record for this patient; however, Respondent failed to administer the	
	2 medications to this patient pursuant to the physician's orders.	
	Patient L.G., Medical Record Number 2078	
	b. On June 13, 2002, at 2000 hours, Respondent charted the administration o	
	5 20 mgs. of Lasix in the Medication Administration Record for this patient; however, Respondent	
	failed to administer the medication to this patient pursuant to the physician's orders.	
	Patient M.V., Medical Record Number 3104	
	c. On June 13, 2002, at 2000 hours, Respondent charted the administration	
	of two tablets of Klor Con in the Medication Administration Record for this patient; however,	
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19	physician's orders.	
20	SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION	
21	(Dishonesty)	
22	11. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under Code section 2878,	
23	subdivision (j), on the grounds of unprofessional conduct, in that Respondent committed acts of	
24	dishonesty which are substantially related to the duties and functions of a licensed vocational	
25	nurse by falsely representing in various patients' Medication Administration Records that he	
26	administered medications. In fact, Respondent had not administered those medications.	
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PRAYER

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians issue a decision:

- Revoking or suspending Vocational Nurse License Number VN 188257 1. issued to DAVID KENNETH BAKER;
- Ordering DAVID KENNETH BAKER to pay the Board of Vocational 2. Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Code section 125.3; and,
 - Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper. 3.

DATED: September 15, 2006

Executive Officer

Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians State of California

Complainant